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Luther Advises KSB AG on German-Japanese Research and Development Cooperation

Duesseldorf, August 27, 2008 – KSB Aktiengesellschaft, Frankenthal, and the Japanese Nikkiso Co., Ltd., Tokyo, established a joint venture company for the development of canned motor pumps, based in Altenstadt near Frankfurt. KSB AG has been advised by Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft, Duesseldorf, on the transaction.

The Nikkiso-KSB GmbH will aim on the development of new canned motor pumps for its customers in Europe and the Middle East. Europe is the most important market for seal-less pumps after Asia. The Nikkiso-KSB GmbH will be the second-largest provider in this market.

Canned motor pump units are used above all for those processes in which leakage of the fluid pumped is to be avoided at all costs, for example for the transport of explosive or toxic products. The participating companies aspire to jointly develop and build a new pump series by 2010. The contribution of KSB to the development of this new product will be its pump hydraulics, whereas Nikkiso will contribute its wide range of special motors. Both partners will hold a 50 percent interest in the new company and share the management duties. The German subsidiary of the Japanese partner, Nikkiso Pumps Europe GmbH, Altenstadt, will be incorporated into the joint venture. The joint venture has been approved by the German cartel office.

KSB AG is an international leading supplier of pumps, valves and related systems for building services, industry and water utilities, the

energy sector and mining. With more than 14,000 employees, the group achieves a turnover of approximately 1.8 billion euro. The Japanese joint venture partner Nikkiso is one of the three leading manufacturers of canned motor pumps on the world market. The company has about 3,500 employees and an annual sales revenue of 350 million euro.

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